



Marple Bridge  
(Hollins Lane)

The Catholic Community Newsletter  
for the parish of  
**St Mary** and **The Annunciation**  
Marple Bridge New Mills



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SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Guidance for attending Mass:**

Because of limited capacity, anyone wishing to attend Mass **on weekends and holy days** will have to pre-book their place. If people arrive without having pre-booked and the church is, or likely to be, at capacity, unfortunately they will not be allowed in.

**To book a place, please telephone between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday**

**NEW MILLS 07561 699278 MARPLE BRIDGE 07723 381589**

Please arrive at the service in time for the stewards to show you to your allocated space. Social distancing continues to operate in the church, always keeping a distance of 2 metres. **QR Codes for the NHS tracing App are available in both churches.**

**Times of Holy Mass and Other Services**

Sat 20	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 21 First Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	Catherine Hodnett
Thu 25 Lenten Feria	1030	NM	Mass	Linda Herridge RIP
Sat 27	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Fr. John's Ints.
Sun 28 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST IN OUR CHURCHES.**

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR B)**

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15  
Psalm Response **Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**  
Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 18-22  
Gospel Mark 1: 12-15

**The Diocese of Nottingham** are proud to be supporting the Government's Kickstart scheme and are currently advertising the following opportunities within the Curial Team: Office Junior (2 positions), Finance Assistant (Office) (1 position), Finance Assistant (OPAS) (1 position). If you're aged 16-24, claiming Universal Credit and interested in any of the above listed Kickstart roles, please speak to your work coach at the Jobcentre or apply on your Universal Credit Platform/App. **Applications close 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

**NRCDDT** (Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust)  
Registered Charity Company No: 7151646 Charity No: 1134449  
Registered Office:  
Willson House, 25 Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AW

**Safeguarding Representative:**

Mrs Jo Barber (NM)  
Kate Hunt (Contact on 07790 102011 or via the Presbytery)

**Fairtrade Fortnight 22 February - 7 March** Though it is not possible to have any live events this year, the Fairtrade Foundation has organised an online festival with lots of free events such as a quiz night, climate change, cooking, gardening and a virtual wine tasting. Go to <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/> to register.

**LISTENING WITH LOVE** *from the Bishops' Conference.* <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/listening-with-love/>

**VARIOUS EVENTS FOR LENT AND BEYOND. CONTACT THE PRESBYTERY FOR JOINING DETAILS WHERE RELEVANT.**

**Those receiving the e-mail bulletin should receive a document with the details.**

- **Daily Podcast: The Bible in a Year.** Fr Mike Shchmitz leads you through the Bible in one year with daily Podcasts of 20-25mins with a reflection. Find on your podcast service or visit: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>
- **Seven Week Bible study series:** the aim of this series is to provide a sense of Scripture as a whole
- **Weekly Scripture Webinar:** The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph lead a weekly webinar on Wednesdays at 7pm looking at the coming Sunday's Gospel.
- **Monthly Talks:** Menevia Diocese of has organised monthly talks on scripture on YouTube
- **Bible Timeline Course:** a free national course live streamed looking at the timeline of the Bible, from 7th April.
- **Lenten Retreat on Hope:** The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph will lead a weekly 45min talk on how we can find hope by looking at a different biblical character every week in Lent.
- **Being Evangelising Catechists:** On February 11th at 7pm Dr James Puley, with Southwark Archdiocese, will lead a masterclass on making our catechesis a moment of evangelisation based on his latest book: Masterclass
- **Knowing Jesus Online Retreat:** Daily Prayer and reflection led by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, option for group discussion.
- **Christian Heritage Centre:** The Christian Heritage Centre, based in Stonyhurst, have a range of courses, talks and conferences aimed at: young adults, healthcare professionals, parishioners and more
- **The Year of the Word** continues... Due to the pandemic the Bishops of England and Wales decided to extend the 'God who Speaks' initiative throughout 2021. Regular resources are uploaded to [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**Maryvale Institute**, on behalf of the **Archdiocese of Birmingham**, is delighted to announce a free, virtual conference that will focus on the new **Directory for Catechesis**. The Directory, published in March 2020, makes clear the essential elements in teaching and personal formation required by the mission of catechesis. Building on the previous 2 catechetical directories (1971 and 1997), this new text is a vital resource for all those engaged in the Church's work of proclaiming the Gospel.

The conference offers an opportunity for those involved with or interested in catechesis, to explore the main themes and key emphases of this important text and to reflect on its implications for their work in the Church and the world.

The conference will take place across 3 sessions, focusing on different aspects of the directory:

- **Session 1, Friday 12th March, 2.00-4.00pm:** 'Dynamic Continuity': The Purpose and Distinctive Emphases of the New Directory. Speakers confirmed so far: **Archbishop Rino Fisichella** (Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation), **Archbishop Bernard Longley** (Archdiocese of Birmingham and Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation) and more.
- **Session 2, Friday 16th April, 2.00-4.00pm:** Key Emphases/Foci of the New Directory: a Closer Look. Speakers confirmed so far: **Fr Jan Nowotnik** (Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Archdiocese of Birmingham), **Katherine Coolidge** (Catherine of Siena Institute), **Dr Tamra Fromm** (Catholic Biblical School of Michigan and Maryvale Institute), **Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau OP** (Dominican Srs of St Joseph and Maryvale Institute) and more, followed by breakout sessions.
- **Session 3, Friday 14th May, 2.00-4.00pm:** Growing in Faith: A Lifelong Journey of Catechesis. Speakers confirmed so far: **Angela Wood MA** (Maryvale Institute), **Sr Carino Hodder OP** (Dominican Srs of St Joseph), **Lianne Pap** (Archdiocese of Birmingham and Maryvale Institute), Paul Northam (Archdiocese of Birmingham), Beccy Roseman (Kenelm Youth Trust, Archdiocese of Birmingham) and more, followed by breakout sessions.

For more info please visit: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/conference-2021.html>

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